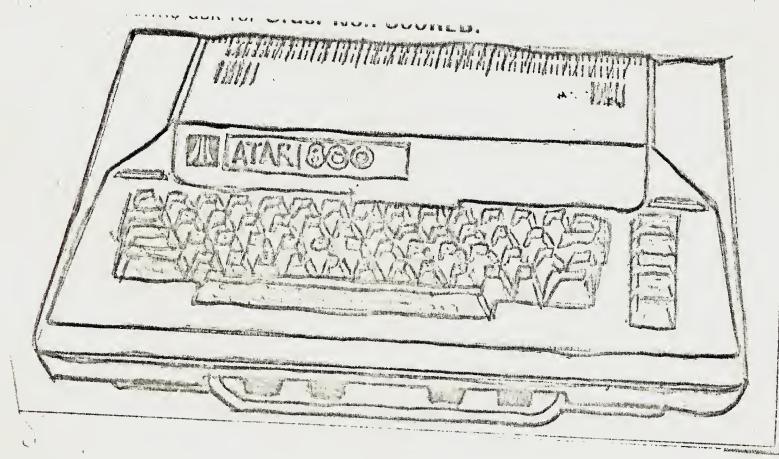


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If you are friendly with anyone who owns an Atari 400 or 800 please inform him/her of our club and newsletter.

Thank you

## BIT TALK

Rumors...

A new Star Raiders that you can land on asteroids, play two or more players, and bomb alien cities too!! Sounds fun, huh?!!

Atari's trackball used on Missile Command and Centipede coin-op's is in the process of being made for the computer's. This is only a rumor and we'll try to get more information for you, so, watch the BIT TALK!

In the news...

Atari Pilot..A very simple, easy to learn computer language. It fully enhances the Atari graphic capability.

Atari's newest coin-op game, "Tempest", is unlike any other coin-op game. I would expect more non-space games from Atari in the future.

Atari is in the process of making a new 64k memory board available for the Atari computers. Watch the newsletter!

If you like basic, you should try Assembler Editor. It's the closest language to Binary(Machine), so the computer reacts to the commands quicker. It's really a power booster.

Just a reminder...If your Atari turns colors and looks sick then don't worry, it's just telling you that nobody has typed on the keyboard for 9 minutes. If it didn't do this the print out would melt into the screen, so, be greatful! To see the change of colors, type POKE 77,200-then press RETURN.

??Looking For Bussiness??

VISICALC

It develops a home budget and then graphs it out for you. One of the best business/financial programs available. Although the price is a bit much, it's worth it. Requires 32k and a disk drive.

PROGRAM LISTINGS

1. Graphics-SCRIBBLE

```
10 GR.23  
20 COLOR RND(0)*5  
30 PLOT RND(0)*159,RND(0)*95  
40 DRAWTO RND(0)*159,RND(0)*95  
50 COLOR RND(0)*5:GOTO 40
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2. Sound-JACK HAMMER

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10 FOR Z=1 to 200  
20 SO. 0,100,6,4  
30 NEXT Z
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3. DISABLING THE BREAK KEY

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10 X=PEEK(16)  
20 IF PEEK(16) 128 THEN 50  
30 POKE (16),X-128  
40 POKE 53744,X-128  
50 REM BEGIN PROGRAM HERE
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4. TURN SCREEN UPSIDE DOWN

TYPE POKE 755,4 THEN PRESS RETURN

\*\*\*SOFTVIEW\*\*\*

We've reviewed many programs this month, so you don't have to waste your money on bad programs. If you don't see what you want, wait and look in forecoming issues.

STAR RAIDERS A+

SOUND-TERRIFIC

GRAPHICS-THE BEST GRAPHICS EVER ON A COMPUTER GAME

COMPLEXITY-VERY COMPLEX(MANY INSTRUCTIONS)

OPTIONS-JOYSTICK AND KEYBOARD

COMMENT-STAR RAIDERS IS A MUST FOR EVERY ATARI OWNER

ASTEROIDS C+

SOUND-DECENT

GRAPHICS-FAIR

COMPLEXITY-NONE

OPTIONS-JOYSTICK CONTROLLER

COMMENT-ASTEROIDS IS NOT WELL DONE, BUT IT FITS IT'S PURPOSE.

THEY SHOULD HAVE PUT MORE TIME INTO THE GRAPHICS(LIKE IN MISSILE COMMAND), BUT INSTEAD THEY SAT BACK AND SOLD THE CARTRIDGES BECAUSE PEOPLE LOVE THE COIN-OP GAME SO MUCH.

MISSILE COMMAND A

SOUND-VERY GOOD

GRAPHICS-EXCELLENT

COMPLEXITY-LARGE INSTRUCTION MANUAL, BUT NOT VERY COMPLEX

OPTIONS-JOYSTICK CONTROLLER

COMMENT-EXCELLENT DUPLICATION OF THE COIN-OP GAME, ONLY GIVES YOU ONE BASE TO FIRE FROM.OVERALL EXCELLENT

\*\*\*SOFTVIEW\*\*\* (cont.)

GALACTIC CHASE C+

SOUND-GOOD

GRAPHICS-FAIR

COMPLEXITY-NONE(HARD TO LOAD ON CASSETTE VERSION)

OPTIONS-JOYSTICK CONTROLLER

COMMENTS-IT'S A FUN AND ADDICTING GAME, EXCELLENT DUPLICATION OF THE COIN-OP GAME, BUT I ONLY RECOMMEND THE DISK VERSION BECAUSE ALMOST ALL OF THE CASSETTE VERSIONS WON'T BOOT UP.

VIDEO EASEL A-

SOUND-NONE

GRAPHICS-EXCELLENT, FULLY ENHANCES THE GRAPHIC CAPABILITY

COMPLEXITY-NONE

OPTIONS-JOYSTICK AND KEYBOARD

COMMENT-EXCELLENT DEMONSTRATOR OF THE ATARI GRAPHIC CAPABILITY

SPACE INVADERS B+

SOUND-GOOD

GRAPHICS-EXCELLENT(10 COLOR)

COMPLEXITY-NONE

OPTIONS-JOYSTICK CONTROLLER

COMMENT-NOT TO MANY OPTIONS, BUT EXCELLENT GRAPHICS. RECOMMEND CARTRIDGE RATHER THAN CASSETTE.

GAME CORNER

I .YOU"VE BEEN WAITING AND IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

\*\*PAC MAN\*\*

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REMEMBER, IF YOU HAVE ANY HIGH SCORES ON ANY GAME NOT SEEN IN THIS LIST, GIVE THEM TO ONE OF THE ADDRESSES IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR CALL ONE OF THE PHONE NUMBERS. WE WILL TRY TO PUT AS MANY HIGH SCORES IN OUR NEXT ISSUE. IF YOU HAVE BEATEN ANY OF THE HIGH SCORES ABOVE DO THE SAME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT NEXT ISSUE. DEADLINE FOR HIGH SCORES IS FEBRUARY 1ST, 1982

THANK YOU